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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/667,061	Applicant(s) KINSMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Guiyoung Lee	Art Unit 2875	(CN)

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Caplan et al. (US 5,667,291).

3. Re claims 1 and 16: Caplan discloses the claimed illuminating magnifying device (20 in Fig. 1) comprising a housing (26 in Fig. 2) including a fastener (Fig. 18) adapted to attach the illuminating magnifying device (20) to an article (316) other than the illuminating magnifying device; a magnifier (314) attached to the housing (26); and an illuminator (28) attached to the housing (26) adapted to illuminate an area adjacent to the illuminating magnifying device.

Re claim 2: Caplan discloses a clip as a fastener (Fig. 18 and col. 10, lines 19-37).

Re claim 3: Caplan discloses the article could be a headwear (col. 10, line 50).

Re claim 4: Caplan discloses a hinge (the hinge of 30 in Fig. 3) which attaches the magnifier (314) to the housing (26).

Re claims 5-7: Caplan discloses that the magnifier (314) may be positioned in an up position and in a down position by the hinge (30) such that the latitudinal axis of the magnifier (314) can be substantially parallel or perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the housing (26).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Caplan as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Gonzalez (US 5,307,094).

Re claim 8: Caplan does not disclose the illuminator has a battery powered light source.

Gonzalez teaches an illuminator having a battery powered light source (19 in Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute Caplan's light source (28) with Gonzalez' battery powered light source in order to reduce parts of the illuminator.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 9-15 are allowed.

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: With regard to independent claim 9, the prior art of record fails to disclose a method for viewing an object to a person comprising a step of providing an illuminating magnifying device comprising a fastener for securing the illuminating magnifying device to an article near a person's eyes, a magnifier, and an illuminator that switches on when the magnifier is moved from a first position to a second position. Claims 10-15 depend from claim 9. Therefore, claims 9-15 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

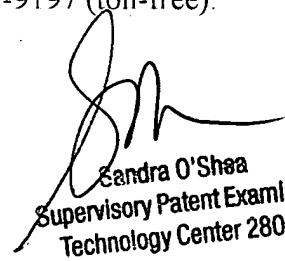
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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